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1. There is a serious lack of iron ore in the Polish foundry industry. 25X1
2. Supplies from Krivoi Rog in the USSR should have been 4,800,000 tons but it is now known that the Poles will only receive 3,800,000 tons. When the 1954 planned consumption is taken into account, this means there will only be reserves for about one month. 25X1
3. The foundry industry had expected to receive over 1,200,000 tons of [ ] iron ore but it was finally agreed that the planned amount would be 600,000 tons. So far the industry has only been successful in concluding a contract for 130,000 tons and there is no likelihood of obtaining a larger quantity. 25X1
4. As a result of the lack of ore, the planned production of pig iron has been lowered and the old furnace at the Czestochowa Foundry and furnace No. 4. at the Bobrek Foundry have stopped working. The CIEP (Central Administration of the Foundry Industry) plan figure is 1,900,000 tons. 25X1

[ ] Comment: All figures given refer to the plan year 1954.

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